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SUBJECT: CYPRIOT PRESS REACTION TO CLIFFORD MISSION

1. GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS GIVES PROMINENCE TO CLIFFORD PRESS CONFERENCE EMPHASIZING STATEMENT THAT THERE IS DEFINITE POSSIBILITY FOR REACHING A CYPRUS SOLUTION BEFORE THE END OF 1977. WARM, GRATEFUL EDITORIALS ON THE CLIFFORD MISSION APPEAR IN RIGHT-OF-CENTER SIMERINI AND EXTREME-RIGHT MAKHI. MODERATE PRO-GOC PHILELEFTHEROS IS POSITIVE, BUT MORE GUARDED. ONLY FAR-LEFT SOCIALIST TA NEA IS NEGATIVE.  
FOLLOWING ARE SELECTED EXCERPTS:

2. PHILELEFTHEROS: "FROM WHAT HAS BEEN SAID AND WRITTEN ABOUT MR. CLIFFORD'S VISIT, IT IS OBVIOUS THAT HE IS HERE, PRIMARILY, TO LISTEN...." (ON PRESIDENT CARTER'S MESSAGE TO MAKARIOS:) "WE ARE HAPPY TO SEE THAT THE PRESIDENT APPRECIATES GOOD WISHES FROM CYPRUS, AND WE WOULD LIKE TO ADD THAT THE EXPRESSION OF GOOD FEELINGS AND WISHES BY CYPRUS TO PRESIDENT CARTER WAS NOT ARTIFICIAL BUT SPONTANEOUS AND GENUINE."

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3. SIMERINI: "THE CLIFFORD CASE SHOWS THE KIND OF PEOPLE WHO ARE WORKING TO HELP CYPRUS. WE MUST BE NOT ONLY GRATEFUL BUT ALSO REALISTIC AND, ABOVE ALL, SINCERE. PREREQUISITES FOR A PEACEFUL, JUST AND LASTING SOLUTION DO EXIST AND ARE BEING STRENGTHENED."

4. MAKHI: "MAKARIOS DID THE RIGHT THING WHEN HE ACCEPTED AMERICAN MEDIATION...." "LET US HOPE THAT MR. CARTER WILL CONTINUE TO SHOW INTEREST IN A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT AND THAT HE WILL PROCEED IN A DETERMINED WAY WITH THE PROMOTION OF A JUST, HONORABLE, DIGNIFIED AND LASTING SOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM."

5. TA NEA CARRIES BANNER-HEADLINE STORY ALLEGING CLIFFORD EXERCISED "TREMENDOUS PRESSURE" ON MAKARIOS TO ACCEPT FORMATION OF TWO SEPARATE FEDERATED STATES WITH SHADOW CENTRAL GOVERNMENT.

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